



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

**Electrical Safety Month**

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of people die and thousands are injured each year in the United States as a result of electrically-related incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 450 civilian deaths related to electrical home structure fires each year; and

**WHEREAS**, property damage resulting from home fires caused by electrical failure or malfunction amounts to more than \$1.6 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS**, more than seven people are electrocuted each week in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, following basic electrical safety precautions can help prevent thousands of people from being injured or killed each year; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens are encouraged to inspect their homes and workplaces for possible electrical hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens are advised to protect their homes and families with the latest safety technology, such as ground fault circuit interrupters, arc fault circuit interrupters, and tamper resistant receptacles; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens are urged to install, test and properly maintain an adequate number of smoke alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Electrical Safety Foundation International is dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety in the home, school and workplace through education, awareness, and advocacy; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim May, 2013 as Electrical Safety Month in Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this 23<sup>RD</sup> day of April, 2013

Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State